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New Members

RMVR wishes to announce the following new members! Welcome to each of you. We hope you will take full advantage of your membership, all the club activities, and the camaraderie of your fellow members. Please help us in welcoming these fine folks.

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Want To Have Input On RMVR's Future?

RMVR Elections Are Coming Soon: FYI, in the near future, current members will be receiving an email invitation to vote in our Annual Elections. Be sure to give it your proper attention and vote.

A New RMVR Suggestion Box: As a result of an idea suggested during the recent Feedback Session, the home page of www.rmvr.com has a new feature. Click on the "Race Name and Event Suggestions" article to participate in this new online suggestion box.. Your answers will be forwarded to the Board as an aid in efforts to put some new life into our events. Any idea, however crazy, is fair game. It's an opportunity to say, "Why don't we?!" Give it a shot. Can't hurt. Could be fun.

EAT WINGS. SAVE LIVES.
Monday, December 9th
 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Buffalo Wild Wings Lakewood
 Wadsworth & Alameda
 Across from Belmar

10% of your total bill will be donated to:
THE Morgan Adams FOUNDATION

Continue Accelerating the Race Against Kids' Cancer!

On Monday, December 9th, please join us at Buffalo Wild Wings in Lakewood, CO! From 11:00 AM until 11:30 PM, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of your total bill back to The Morgan Adams Foundation, to support life-saving pediatric cancer research.

You just need to mention The Morgan Adams Foundation when you pay your bill. Applies to dine-in and take-out orders.

Buffalo Wild Wings
 415 S Wadsworth Blvd
 Lakewood, CO 80226

2020 Helmet News

I have had many questions regarding 2010 helmets expiring on December 31, 2020. First of all, the Snell Foundation will NOT be issuing 2020 stickers until October of 2020. In this way, no helmet manufacture gets a jump start on another.

What happened in 2015 was that many of the manufacturers did not meet the Snell Foundations strict requirements, and the new models did not come out until 2016 and some 2017. Many clubs, including ours, had to extend the expiration dates on a 2005 helmet by a year or two. It just boils down to we all just have to wait. I will keep you updated as I know more. Please keep Wine Country Motor Sports in mind for your racing wants and needs.

Thanks,
 Bonnie Mortimer, FVee 88, 303-799-6606

Board Meetings will be typically held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM. The Board Meeting location is:

The Blue Bonnet Café

457 S. Broadway Denver, CO 80209 303-778-0147 [\[MAP\]](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RMVR c/o Mary Popejoy, RMVR Administrator

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Minutes

RMVR FEEDBACK SESSION
Forney Museum
November 16, 2019

Call To Order Time:
10:30AM

President's Opening Remarks

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Two great things we achieved from this season, for one we had a 5 race season even though we didn't have it originally on the schedule. We also licensed a lot of new drivers and had positive cash flow.

Eric Schakel – Treasurer – Looks like the club will clear approximately \$12,000 this year. Some observations: the first few races of the season are successful financially and then probably due to attrition the later races are not as financially successful. However, the losses on events that did occur this year were palatable amounts of money.

Bob Alder – Statistics regarding Participant Ages and Numbers – On average, the quantity of drivers per event were a few higher this season than last.

Chad Wight & Gary Merrifield – Chief Stewards. Chad - In the 2019 season there were 9 incidents, up one from 2018. Small bore led the safety parade with zero incidents. Formula Vee did lead with (5) of the (9) incidents this season.

However, these past two years are down from over 20 incidents in the 2017 season. Our goal for 2020 is to continue our record of safe racing, with added vigilance and attention to driver and track safety. We will also keep up our timeliness in post-race reports. Gary thanked everyone for following through with the lunchtime meeting that was held at the Spring Race to reduce the incident rate. The consistency with stewarding has proved beneficial over the past two years. Ken Tisdale is also helping with the stewards and Camille Fanguie will also be helping during the 2020 season.

2020 Nominations for Board Positions – We are looking good however we are still looking for a President-Elect position. We do have 7 nominees for at-large positions.

Flagging & Communications – **Lisa Williams** – The successes of our club I believe are due to the great Family atmosphere. Over a four-year trend we have a 16% increase in our 100-hour patch recipients. There is also a 36% increase in perfect attendance. There is a 46% decrease in volunteers that only come out and work one day. All of these numbers are great successes!

Morgan Adams and Ferrari of Denver are holding a Gift Drive on December 7, Tristan's project is to help solicit donated toys and money for this event.

Patrick – Lisa has elevated the F&C position to a new level and we are all so grateful! Thank you Lisa!

Jim Cambon – During the 2019 season we have 22 new logbooks issued, up from 19 in the previous season. This year we have 14 new log books to new racers. This is up from 6 in the previous year. Generally, you can get an additional log book or extra pages from Tech at the event, or you can request a renewal logbook at any time.

Branden Sumner & Jeff Hall – Tech – Sounds like the new tech procedures are working well and everyone likes the new procedures. I wanted to thank everyone for your patience this year and next year should be even smoother.

Eric Ladner – Van & Equipment – Actively looking for a new van to replace the current Van. Also, just as a general note, there have been a few instances of items going missing (broom and oil dry) so if you are borrowing equipment, please just return it. The GVWR of the van is 10,300lbs and we are currently on the road at over 14,000lbs so we are making the move to ensure we are legal. Current considerations are what could a new vehicle do for us, and where could we put it. Judd believes a step van would be ideal; however a regular box van is more economical. From the audience, multiple storage

options are available to whatever vehicle there is. We also have the ability to keep a shipping container at HPR, as well as store the van there. There are also many connections for vehicles and options. The wish list needs to be created along with the game-plan and a type of vehicle chosen so the hunt can begin.

Lynn Fanguie – CDI Report – Brief Recap – 39 precision 25 competition students attended the school this year. Thank you to the 50 volunteer instructors. 35 provisional licenses were transferred to licensed in the 2019 season. The goal for the 2020 school is between 70 and 75 students. Looking for additional instructors for the event, you can sign up as an instructor on MSR. The reinstatement of the 1 race rule to maintain your license is back in effect. Volunteering is also another avenue to maintain your license if racing is not an option. Cars without fuel cells are allowed in the school and for two events to get their competition license. Word of mouth is a very powerful tool for getting students to the school. Requests were made for marketing materials regarding for the 2020 school.

Eligibility Expansion Work – Gateway Group – Branden Sumner – In La Junta we tried out a “Gateway Group” for non-

eligible closed wheel cars. As long as the car has a previous competition logbook from another group they would be accepted into this group.

Jeff Payne - 2020 Schedule is complete and ready to be distributed. There are (4) races with the likely fifth event being LaJunta again.

The Hagerty facility “Pit Lane” has just opened and we will be having our year end banquet there. There is a nicely automotive-inspired facility there for event space and we will be one of the first events in the new space.

2021 Estes Park Race – There was a personnel setback in Estes and the event was pushed back a year to 2021. The town of Estes is excited about the event and is shaping up to be an exciting time in RMVR’s future. The structure of the event will be Estes will supply rodeo grounds, indoor paddock parking. There is also 42 RV spots available. Estes park will make money from the beginning. Estes Park is going to buy the Hydro Barriers. General expenses will be the normal ‘stuff’ worker rooms, ambulance, party, etc.

Jeff Hall – Discussion of partnering with CVAR to get more of their entrants to our RAKC. Their RAKC event was not quite as successful as what

Estes Park Grand Prix

Keep the date open!!!

June 26 and 27th, 2021 are looking good for the 1st annual Estes Park Grand Prix, the EPGP. Stay tuned...

2020 Drivers’ School

Yes drivers’ school! It is not too early to begin promoting the 2020 school. It’s the silly season...what a better time to begin talking up next year’s school. We want to achieve our goal of 80 students so time is of the essence. LET’S GO!!!!

was hoped, but the feeling is a mutual event with both clubs would be a huge success.

It was also discussed that doing an exclusive Friday rental before the RAKC weekend would add track time and more incentive for long-travel racers.

Discussion ensued of creating a Marketing Consortium and what the path forward should be. Eric Schakel will setup a meeting for all of those interested in helping the Marketing efforts. Please email treasurer@rmvr.com if you are interested in helping the effort.

Open Discussion

Jeff Hall would like to see the names of the races revised each year to keep the events fresh.

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The Van

The number one priority for RMVR is the safety of our drivers, workers, and spectators. But the box truck which has been serving RMVR for many years has become overloaded for the job at hand. This vehicle carries all of our club's safety and track support gear, such as cones, speedy dry, fire extinguishers, brooms, corner flags, radios, and much, much more, to and from the track, and is critical to our ability to safely and efficiently run our race events.

Your Board, with critical input from the safety crew, has concluded that the best long-term solution is to find a different vehicle that has the capacity to safely transport all of our current gear, with room for future expansion if needed.

The club does have some funds that can be applied towards the purchase of a replacement truck. However, this is an unforeseen, fairly significant and urgent need for capital expenditure. The replacement truck does not need to be brand new, and a committee has been formed to locate an appropriate pre-owned vehicle.

To help raise funds for this one-time purchase, a new option has been added to our MSR (motorsportsreg) race registration web page. Similar to the button that allows voluntary donations to help offset expenses for our corner marshals, the new button allows for voluntary donations to help fund the purchase of the truck. This is a strictly voluntary request, specifically to raise funds for the "new" truck.

So the next time you register for an RMVR race please consider including a small donation for the truck. Your club thanks you!

Chief Stewards 2019 Summary Report

Chad Wight & Gary Merrifield

Overall for the 2019 season, there were 9 contact incidents. This was similar to 2018 (8) and a great improvement over 2017 (23). The 2019 Incident Report Summary on the back of this page shows that the Small Bore Group had no incidents, Formula Ford had 1, Mid-Big Bore had 3, and Formula Vee continued to lead with 9 incidents. By event, the Spring Race at HPR had the most incidents with 5. The Pueblo Sprints/Enduro had 2 incidents and School and RAKC had 1 each. Thunder on the Arkansas at Pueblo and Return to La Junta both had no incidents. Driver penalties were posted in the Messenger along with the Stewards Report each month. Some sanctioned drivers worked off penalties by serving as Corner Marshals. One driver we call a “frequent flyer” for spins and 4-offs trailed himself more than once out of self-awareness and care for the safety of other drivers.

RMVR’s 2019 racing season closed with the Return to La Junta where drivers enjoyed more track time and fewer interruptions than at any other event this year. The event provided a low financial risk opportunity to fill out the schedule with 5 events for the year, plus Drivers School. In addition, La Junta provided a launch opportunity for the experimental Gateway Group that seems likely to grow in 2020. We would like to thank Branden Sumner for leading this effort. We would also like to thank Ken Tisdale for assisting the Stewards during the year.

The goal of the Stewards for the 2020 season is to continue a record of safe racing. We will commit to give our best efforts for positive communication with drivers and officials, vigilance and attention to driver and track safety, consistency in managing infractions and incidents, and timeliness in providing post-race reports. As always, we strive to maximize track time and this is dependent upon drivers practicing the vintage racing spirit, maintaining the track worthiness of vintage race cars, and of course, the weather. RMVR has a wonderful family feel to it that we want to encourage in how we do our job. With patience, cooperation, and support of our efforts, drivers should enjoy relatively safe racing, more track time, fewer interruptions, and harmony between racers and Race Control. We look forward to serving you again in 2020.

Respectfully,
Chad Wight & Gary Merrifield

2019 Summary Incident Report

<u>Year</u>	<u>Incidents</u>	<u>Groups</u>			
		<u>Vee +</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>Small Bore</u>	<u>M-L Bore</u>
2017	23	11	6	6	0
2018	8	2	2	2	2
2019	9	5	1	0	3

2019 Incidents by Group by Event

<u>Event</u>	<u>Vee</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>Small Bore</u> <u>M-L</u>	<u>M-L Bore</u>	<u>Total</u>
School	1				1
Spring	3	1		1	5
Pueblo					
RAKC	1				1
Pueblo				2	2
La Junta					
Total	5	1		3	9

December 2019 President's Message

Checkered Flag! It's the end of a great year of RMVR racing! So many great memories, from the huge family photo we all posed for at Drivers' School, to the fantastic Morgan Adams "Thank You" party at Stranahans, to our long overdue return to La Junta. Oh, yeah - and there was some fantastic racing thrown in there too!

We've got one more memory-maker for 2019, the Holiday Banquet! Hagerty insurance has graciously invited us to have the banquet at their Pitlane facility in Littleton. It will be wonderful to have a classic car-themed venue for the party. Be sure to sign up early - There is only room for 110 folks! A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Hagerty!

I want to thank you all for my opportunity to serve as President for 2019. I met as many of you as I could, and heard some great ideas and great stories. We spent some great times together, and I truly consider RMVR to be my extended family. I will continue to help in the future, and look forward to continued success as a club.

I leave you in the capable hands of Jeff Payne, driver of the 737 green Firebird, and all around great guy. He and I are working together to make the transition smooth and to preserve the lessons of 2019 for the future. Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, see you at the banquet (and the track)!

Thanks,
Patrick Fay
RMVR President 2019 [president | rmvr | com](mailto:president@rmvr.com)

Classifieds

For Sale: 1966

Lotus S7 1500cc, 135hp Ford, non-cross flow, 4 cyl. with 2 Weber 40 DCOE's. Dry sump, Leeson Gearbox,



gone through in 2016. New Fuel Safe cell in June of 2016, 13" X 6" wheels, Brakes are disc front, drum rear. Some spares and original road parts [windshield, headlights, etc.]. Car has been racing with RMVR since 1987. Front runner in small bore, running 2:11's at HPR, down to 2:08 with new tires. Also raced in the Monterey Historics, various other US tracks, and in New Zealand. Augie Pabst raced the car several times in the Steamboat Springs Historic Races in the late '80s and early '90's. It is a solid, reliable, totally legal DP81 car. Has current RMVR Log book. Prepared by Thomas Vintage Motors. Call Tom Ellis 303-449-9112

For Sale: Single axle car trailer, bed tilts on trailer ball for easy loading, extended ramps and fresh rubber. Small production, Formula, etc. 60" between rail



sides. overall length 10.5' with tilt arm removed for storage. \$750 terryallard1@q.com

For Sale: Eagle Equipment 4 Post Auto Lift \$2,000, Made in USA, 7000# capacity 4 post lift w/ .75HP, 110V-1PH power unit, 2 lightweight aluminum ramps, 3 drip trays, 12" wide steel jack tray, and 4 caster lift kit. Original purchase price \$4,100 including shipping cost. Excellent condition. Available for \$2,000 OBRO (Or Best Reasonable Offer). Located in Evergreen. Buyer must pick up. Photos available upon request. Jim Smith (303) 887-7851 jsmith0763@msn.com

At the Enduro event, one of our visiting racers from CVAR, Steve Bachenberg, mentioned that there is someone **repairing** AMB Transponders which might be acting up or not working. This could save a BUNCH of money. Here's the info he provided:

". . . . during the drivers' meeting, I mentioned a contact for transponder repair, and I was asked to send contact information that could be posted on the RMVR website and/or newsletter. Here goes:

John Mueller
2841 Berry Patch
Schertz, TX 78154
210-504-8697
john@kartingdepot.com

Good Racing,
Steve Bachenberg"

Vintage Messenger Fine Print- Our goal is to publish the Vintage Messenger at the first of every month. If you wish to assure that your information / announcement / ad is included in the Vintage Messenger, it should be in the hands of the editor three days before the first of the month. Photos should be .jpg or .tiff formats. Attached files should be in .txt or doc format. Ads run on a per issue basis. If you wish to have your ad run in subsequent issues, you must re-submit the ad, monthly. Ads are free for members for auto / racing related items. E-mail to messenger@rmvr.com. FAX to 970-824-3737. The Editor returns a confirmation of E-mail submittals. If you don't receive a confirmation E-mail, your submittal probably did not get to the Editor.

RMVR Apparel **Now Available On-line**

If you need some cool RMVR logo apparel, you can get it here. If you forgot to purchase an event shirt from past events, here they are!! Keep returning as the store will add more products as our members request them.

Support our club and advertise RMVR by purchasing and proudly wearing these cool products!

<https://represent.com/store/rockymountainvintageracing>

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2019 RMVR Schedule

January 18, 2020

Annual Banquet
Hagerty Pit Lane

2020 RMVR Schedule

April 4, 2020

Fire/Rescue School

April 25-26, 2020

Drivers' School

May 9-10, 2020

Spring Race

June 5-6, 2020

Thunder on the Arkansas
Pueblo

August 1-2, 2020

Race Against Kids' Cancer
High Plains Raceway

September 19-20, 2020

Sprints & Enduro Reimagined
Pueblo Motorsports Park

October 10-11, 2020

La Junta
La Junta Raceway, La Junta, CO

Event Registration: Register [online](#)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VINTAGE RACING
Vintage Messenger
33828 Hemlock Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439



RMVR VOLUNTEER NEWS

December 2019

By Lisa Williams

To My Most Valued RMVR Volunteer Team,

The 2019 Holiday Season is now here and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the brightest New Year! May you all enjoy special times with friends and family knowing just how much I truly value each and every one of you and all the great efforts you put forth throughout the year helping make RMVR such an amazing group. It is an honor to lead all of the fabulous RMVR volunteers. I know our upcoming 2020 RMVR season will be filled with more great things to come. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual RMVR Banquet on January 18, 2020.

With warm wishes,

Lisa

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